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Attorney General John Ashcroft United States Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

This letter is to address the issue of the settlement between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. I want to give my support to this agreement.

I also understand that Microsoft has not gotten off very easy. I do not believe the initial lawsuit was justified, but Microsoft has conceded to the Department of Justice's demands, agreeing to, among other things, to design future versions of Windows to make it easier for computer makers, computer programmers and others to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. Further, Microsoft has agreed to disclose - for use by their competitors - various source codes that are internal to Windows' operating system products. This could be a first in antitrust settlements. Microsoft has gone far beyond what was demanded in the initial suit.

I urge you to approve this settlement and allow us go forward. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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